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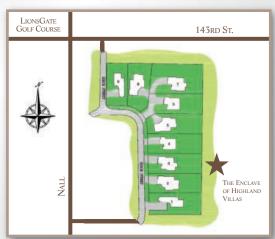
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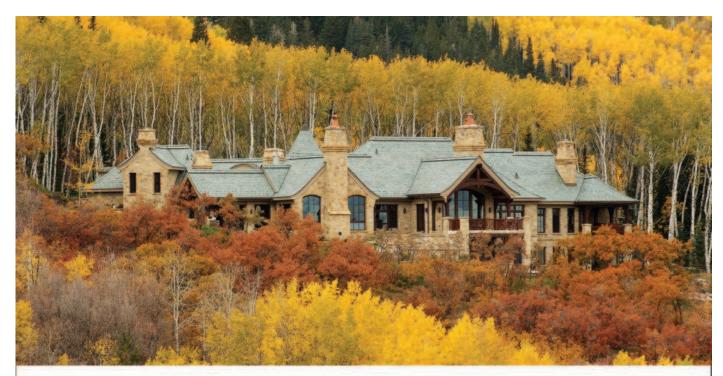
Ahhhhh, peach — that once memorable bathroom color for the tub, the sink, and the toilet. Add in a countertop of white diagonal tiles and I'm back in my childhood bathroom. Sharing it with my sister; two girls with long hair and hours spent primping for school and nights out, we had our share of laughs and tears fighting for the one electric outlet that the gold light fixture offered. Needless to say, many hair dryers overheated and hot rollers covered the counter space. My poor little brother was lucky if we let him take a quick shower before we were claiming it again. Fast forward to 2015 — bathrooms with multiple outlets and sinks, TVs, tons of counter space and lots of drawers and cabinets for storage — heaven on earth. The bathroom has evolved into a room of its own; from elegance to modern (page 58), and oversized showers to freestanding

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And talking about going back in time, this issue sports two Mid-Century homes not to miss. Drew of Drew Six shares his Drummond style original Mid-Century home (page 22) and Glen Mock Custom Homes yet again fulfills a homeowner's dream of a new Mid-Century style home with a twist Craftsman character (page 34).

October brings fall's colors and crisp evenings spent with friends partaking in the latest craze, craft beers. From local taps to backyard bonfires, it's more and more likely to find craft beers in the picture. It's said that by the end of this year, a new craft brewery will open every 12 hours (page 86). So grab a frosty mug and indulge as we cheer on our fave sports teams this season!

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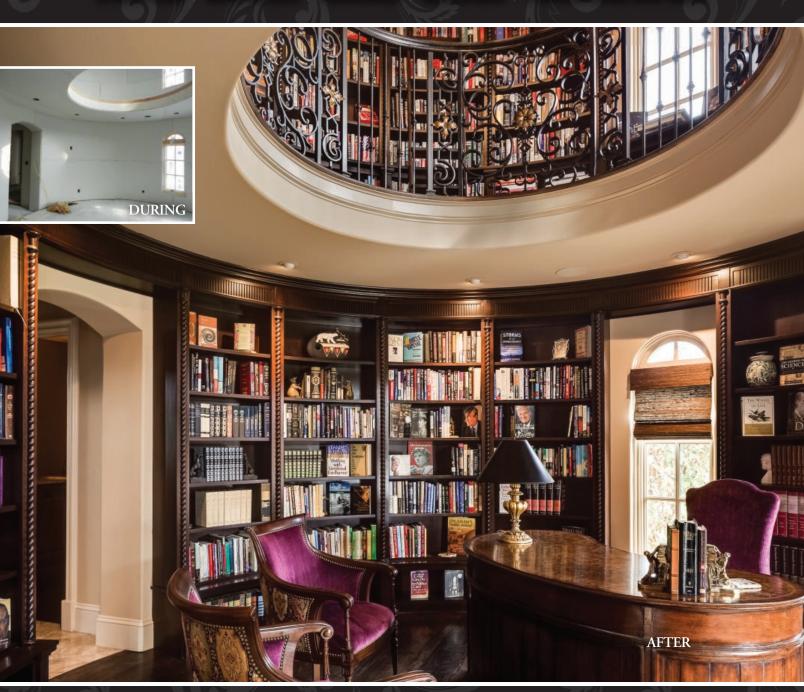
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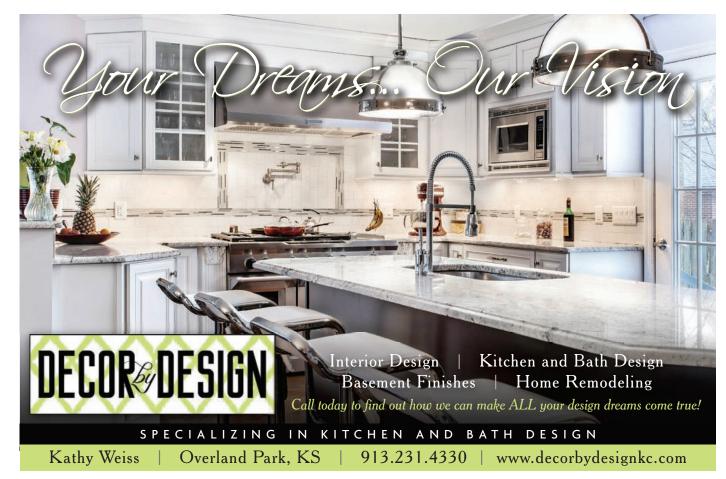
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t's been said that a good musician doesn't practice; he plays. That could easily be said of singer/songwriter Drew Six, one of Kansas City's favorite claims to fame within the music world. With accolades such as "Best of Kansas City" and "100 people that have changed life in Kansas City forever," he has certainly captivated the heart of his hometown. While this Kansas City native will undoubtedly never forget from where he came, he also knows exactly where he is going.

Music has always been Drew's passion, drive and ambition, not so much for the fame but merely because it intoxicates his spirit. In fact, when listening to the soulful words within his music, it would appear that Drew fits within his lyrics just as easily as he fits into his own life. And as any musician understands, the power behind the music comes from the experiences he has endured, and his captivating songs harmoniously blend the flavors that come with the inevitable ups and downs of every day life without missing one inspiring beat. Drew's music comes from the heart, and to that end, it is apparent that home is truly where his heart resides.

Relaxing in their laid back and casual mid-century, Drummond-style residence in Prairie Village, Drew and his wife, Miki Jarrett, are welcoming and approachable. There is nothing about these two professionals that suggest anything other than downhome folks for whom genuine kindness and compassion are instincts. Certainly Drew has drawn considerable praise for his talent and contributions within the music industry — and all you have to do is listen to just one song to become a fan — he is more than the fame. He is about the music, life and family.

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Ann Butenas
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Drew and Miki, both natives of the metro area, met via mutual friends over 13 years ago and have been married for the past five years. Drew is a graduate of the University of Missouri — Kansas City, with a degree in Advertising and Marketing and Miki studied International Business and Japanese at the University of Missouri. The couple was married in Okinawa, Japan, the homeland of Miki's mother, and Drew acknowledges this special place in his newly-released single, The Bull.

When the couple moved into this home nine years ago, Drew initially had a dream of living in a loft downtown, until he realized the potential written all over this place.

"I saw this house and knew it was the one," he recalled, noting its appealing location off the main roads, along with its proximity to all aspects of Kansas City.

With its vacation-like appeal, the dark green exterior color blends effortlessly with the mature trees and natural, yet minimalistic, landscape. Even though its floor plan encompasses roughly 1200 square feet, the personality of the place is far greater. The abundance of natural lighting from all of the windows adds a layer of warmth to the







"I raw this house and knew it was the one."

~ Singer/Songwriter Drew Six



three bedrooms and one full bath, along with the kitchen, dining room and living room. The original fireplace and stone on the chimney offer a reminder of the charm of another era, and the outdoor living space is just as inviting.

"The house sits on what is almost a double lot," noted Miki, a Certified Master Gardener in Johnson County, who enjoys gardening and relaxing on the new patio furniture. Of course, Drew admits they would love a bit more space (and an extra bathroom!), but they enjoy the tranquility of the neighborhood and its friendly residents. Plus, it's a great area in which to get out and walk their two rescue dogs, Cash, a black Lab, and June, a Mastiff/Great Dane mix.

While the home was essentially move-in ready when Drew first moved in before he married Miki, the couple has added personal touches over the years, truly making it a place of their own.

"In the past few months, we have renovated the kitchen, painted the rooms and added new lighting throughout the house," said Miki. "We also removed all of the old carpeting and have wood flooring throughout now, with the occasional throw rug to accent the space."

And if ever a home reflected the personality of its occupants, this residence certainly does, and it can be found in the details. Even though Drew and Miki have several pieces that come from those "big box" stores, they have also incorporated those unique finds discovered while shopping in the West Bottoms, as well as a few pieces from Nell Hills and the General Store located in downtown Overland Park.

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"I enjoy shopping down at the West Bottoms and recently started collecting antique Fire King dishes," smiled Miki, who also enjoys strolling through the Mission Road Antique Mall. Additionally, Miki has incorporated a few pieces into the décor that give a nod to her Japanese heritage.

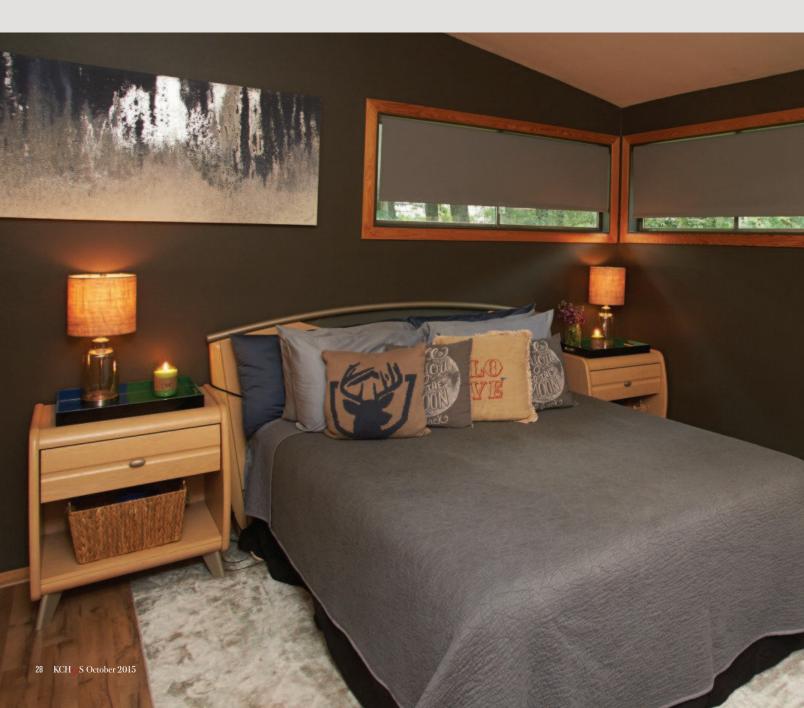
The modern style with its low maintenance appeal is perfect for this busy couple, too. As an independent Realtor with Reece Nichols, Miki, licensed in both Kansas and Missouri, spends her days assisting clients while Drew, who splits his time between Kansas City and Nashville, enjoys honing his musical prowess in his in-home studio, which is where he keeps his guitars, musical equipment, select artwork from KC native, Rachel Brown, and awards that speak to his giving heart, including one from Variety Children's Charity, for which he has done numerous fundraising events.

Drew performs over 250 shows annually, most of which are in Kansas City, and has shared the stage with Luke Bryan, Maroon 5, Darius Rucker, Marshall Tucker and many more. His music delivers notable country style, but is flavored by multiple influences, including Johnny Cash, John Mellencamp, Keith Urban, The Eagles, and Bon Jovi.

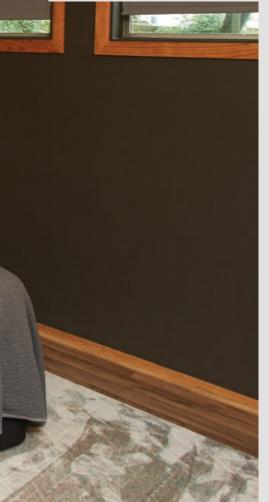
"I prefer the new country format, as it allows me to push the limits and incorporate different type of music," Drew explained. Unique to his music is its ability to inspire others and connect with people. You don't just hear the music; you feel the message.

Locally, a special honor for Drew was his performance at the World Series Gala in 2014.

"The Kansas City Royals is a great organization," smiled Drew. "And I am grateful to have been a part of that. Hopefully, it will happen again this year!"







Fans can listen to Drew most Friday evenings playing his acoustic guitar at J. Gilbert's near 89th and Metcalf in Overland Park and at the Cactus Grill in Leawood most Wednesday evenings. On October 31st, Drew will perform at The Levee, and is excited to share in the fun with the people of Kansas City.

"The Levee is a KC staple and the people there have been very loyal to my band," said Drew.

Even though Drew's career is proving to be one that will take him all over the world, his heart still belongs to the people and places in his hometown. Both he and Miki enjoy just having people over for dinner or sneaking away for a cozy dinner at Urban Table in Prairie Village.

"We love it here," expressed Miki.

"I feel fortunate to get to do what I love to do," reflected Drew. "I have met so many amazing people that I would never have met had I not been able to pursue this path."



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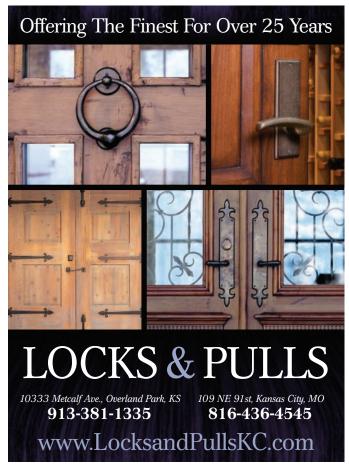
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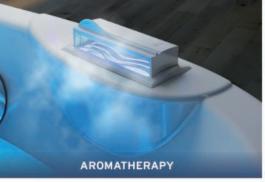


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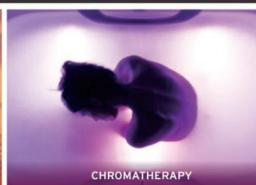
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The arrangement was ideal: Carole's proximity would allow her to play an integral role in her grandkids' daily lives as well as help daughter and son-in-law, Drs. Angie Myers and David Yu. The move to Lakeshore Estates also afforded Carole the opportunity to embark on a homebuilding journey that let her explore unique architecture, creative design and classic elements of bygone styles.



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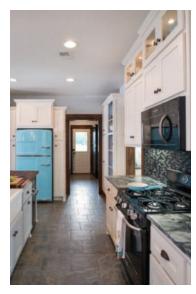
A nostalgia for the comforts and compositions of earlier times fueled Carole's research toward home designs that incorporated traditional elements and modern conveniences. In selecting a floorplan, Carole said, "I was fascinated with retro things — I liked the concept."

The Myers joined forces with prominent Kansas City homebuilder Glen Mock and esteemed architect Richard Beaman to modify the original floorplan into exactly what the Myers envisioned. "At the end of the day, I am a custom builder, but I listen to what my clients are describing and I work to make it all come together," said Mock. "Carole had done her research and knew what she wanted."

The home's reverse story-and-a-half layout features the main bedrooms and living areas upstairs and a rec room, two bedrooms and a full bath on the lower level. When all was said and done, the 3,600-square-foot home showcased a clever mix of Mid-Century originality and Craftsman character paired with modern practicality and retro pizzazz. PLEASE TURN THE PAGE











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Hallmarks of Mid-Century designs include clean lines, ample natural light and a connection with nature, while Craftsman influences are often evident in low-pitched roofs, front porches, tapered exterior columns and natural materials.

The Myers' home exemplifies a fusion of these styles through its sleek architecture, daylight-drenched rooms and the inviting screened-in porch off the great room. The great room's soaring windows framed by cedar beams reveal sweeping country views while the home's interior is a study in elegant charm, livable luxury and meticulous décor.

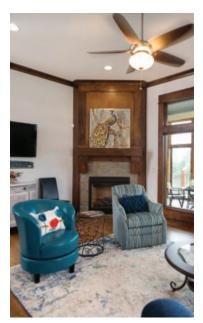
Additionally, the home's layout defies current trends of large and open, and instead incorporates more intimately divided rooms that are blissfully cozy and reminiscent of homes down memory lane.

The galley kitchen showcases soapstone countertops, a butcher block peninsula, shaker-style beadboard cabinetry, glass transom cabinets, and a mosaic glass subway tile backsplash. But it's the iconic apron-front farmhouse sink, the beach blue Big Chill retro refrigerator and GE's line of Artistry™ appliances that truly bring to mind thoughts of a simpler era.

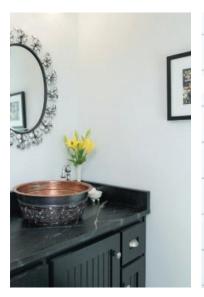
Mock added that a few discreet pocket doors and a massive sliding barn door to the master bath also give a nod to the past, as well as the stained wood moldings and casings used around all the main floor doorways.

The home is defined by an innovative mix of architectural styles, both old and new. "I think the best description of the house would be a Craftsman-style farmhouse with some retro elements and glamorous touches," said Carole.

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yesterday's charm

Construction on the Myers' home began in fall of 2014 and was completed in February 2015. The authentically and thoughtfully dressed home belies the fact that the couple has resided there for only a few months.

Carole noted that interior designer Deb King of Olathe's Reused Consignment Furniture was instrumental in helping select colors, furnishings and décor for the home's vintage palette. Hues of turquoise, teal and cobalt blues add a fresh burst of color against the main floor's crisp shades of gray, wood trim and ceramic tile and hardwood flooring. A stylish mud room, custom and repurposed furniture, pendant lighting, ornate decorative mirrors and a hammered copper guest bath sink are just some of the main floor's treasures that celebrate the past.



Another testament to Carole's diligent research is the master bath which unites black and white pinwheel mosaic tile flooring with a signature clawfoot tub and chrome plumbing. The pinwheel mosaic motif continues into the spacious master shower flooring and bench while the shower walls are adorned in white subway tile. Oil-rubbed bronze fixtures, frameless vanity mirrors, a beaded mini chandelier and soapstone countertops add to the historic luxe of the master bath.

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cherished days

Carole laughed that while her husband pretty much gave her free rein with the home's design, he did have one specific request: a garage.

But not just any garage. Don requested a three-car garage that would be extra deep and wide and include a built-in cabinet and sink with running water. When off the clock from his position as vice president/general manager of Lenexa-based Central Biomedia, Inc., Don enjoys unwinding at home with family... and his vintage Corvette.

All told, the Myers are happily settled into their new home. And while they certainly are enjoying their new residence, they are most enjoying living virtually next door to their daughter, son-in-law and two young grandchildren. "I go over and cook dinner for them almost every night," said Carole. "Most nights we eat together as a family."

They enjoy hosting family gatherings, birthday parties, friends and visits from their son and his family who reside in California, as well. "Between our two houses, there is always somewhere for people to stay," said Carole.

Clearly, for Carole and Don, the best part of their new home is its location. The couple cherishes the time their close-knit busy family can spend together thanks to the proximity of their homes. "We plan on being here for a long time and the kids will be raised here," said Carole. "We spend a lot of time together. That's the best part about all of this."







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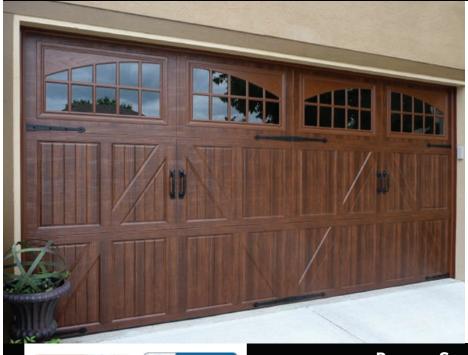
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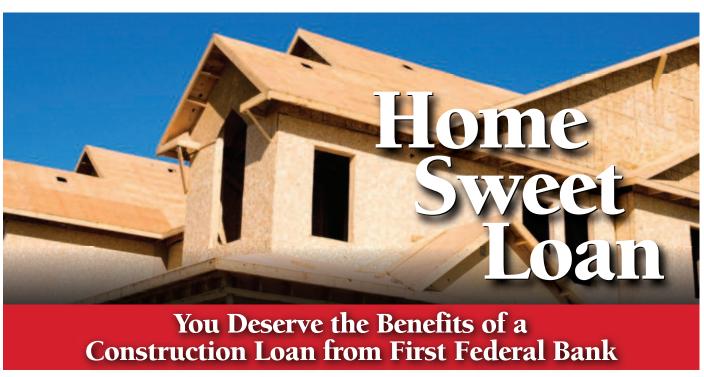


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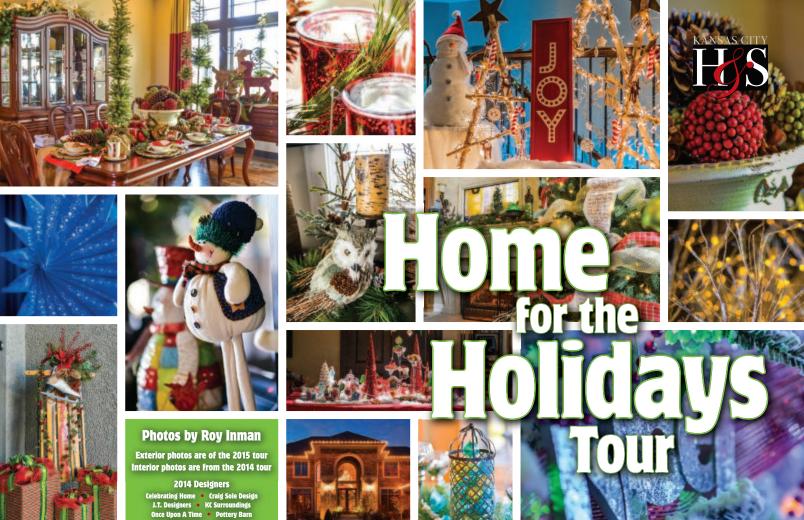
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Johnson County Young Matrons has the great fortune of hosting the 24th annual Home for the Holidays Homes Tour.

"JCYM has a 54-year tradition of serving Johnson County through hands-on volunteer activities and fundraising efforts," says Revelyn Alpaugh, JCYM president. "We distribute 100 percent of our profits to our philanthropies and JCYM scholarship recipients. The Holiday Homes tour, boutique, and special event "Tees & Tiaras," are our main fundraisers. We are grateful to the homeowners, designers and underwriters for their contributions and to the individuals who purchase tickets, shop at the boutique and attend the events."

Tour co-chairmen Rhonda Lewis and Judy Ransom have selected four beautiful homes to showcase on this year's tour. "We are so thankful to have found such lovely homes and homeowners," Rhonda says. "The commitment necessary to prepare a home for this tour is huge, and we sincerely appreciate all the time and effort given by the homeowners. Their willingness to open their homes to the entire community is a shining example of their desire to support their Johnson County philanthropies."

This year's lineup includes four homes with their own personal style. Each home has been paired with a designer and tablescape company for a professionally decorated look. There are both new and returning designers who will be using traditional holiday decor and the newest trends in holiday design. Regardless of your preferred style, you will leave the tour eager to start your own holiday decorating.

Don't forget to stop by the free two-day boutique at the Ritz Charles on Monday, Nov. 16 from noon-9 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov 17 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. You will find over 40 vendors representing shops and boutiques from around the metro area. Not only do you have a one-stop shopping opportunity but you also can feel good that 20 percent of your purchase benefits JCYM's philanthropies. Tees & Tiaras, an exciting night out for both men and women, will be held on Monday, Nov. 16 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Ritz Charles. It will include both a silent and live auction plus a style show by Chicos and Finishings for Her — all to benefit JCYM's six local charities. Tickets are on sale at *jcym.net* for the Holiday Homes tour, boutique and the special event "Tees & Tiaras." PLEASE TURN THE PAGE

Designer:

Dan Parker. Parker Payne

"Parker Payne has captured the feel and ambience of a rustic woodland lodge for the hearth room off of the kitchen. Using natural products, Dan Parker has delivered the feel of Christmas with warmth and intrigue. Bringing the outdoors into the grandeur of the high vaulted ceilings and using nature's look and feel of the season is elegant and natural. The living room and dining room are done in Christmas traditions, capitalizing on the rich color theme of ruby red, antique gold and emerald green, while in the family room, dark bronzes, copper tones and red accentuate the dark leather and natural wood found in the room."

Tablescape Designer:

Carol Tinklepaugh, JCYM member

Centerpiece:

Parker Payne

"Inspired by Dan Parker's designs, I will be using ruby red, emerald green and antique gold on the 12 foot table in the dining room."





2401 W. 114th St. • Leawood, Kansas

Inspired by the magnificent chateaus of France, this home is a luxurious and sophisticated retreat. Enter through the marble foyer and be drawn in by the five sets of French doors that form an arcade overlooking a terrace that is perfect for formal entertaining. Opposite, the great room exudes stately elegance with lofty ceilings, heavily textured walls, and shuttered floor to ceiling windows. A baby grand piano separates the formal dining area from the seating area, and this sumptuous space is embellished with a crystal chandelier and a French, stone mantel over the fireplace. Continuing down the arcade, we discover the private master wing with a grand, five room en-suite. We begin with a fashionable study area featuring a curved, windowed wall and fireplace. This cozy room leads us to the sizable master bedroom, resplendent in rich textures and colors and a master bath finished in deep, rich cabinetry and granite counter tops. A spacious alcove hosts a soaker tub ready to take a person away in a relaxing bath.

The second wing of the home is a kitchen and living area that is unrivaled by any other. The eye is first drawn to the eighteen foot trestle-beamed ceiling that extends the length of this glorious room. Weathered oak floors stretch through the entire room, and two separate islands are available for food prep and entertaining in the kitchen area. Crisp white cabinets, multiple windows, and every modern convenience available make this expansive kitchen a culinary dream. As we move past the kitchen and the informal dining area, we arrive at the family living area that becomes the heart of this home. Multiple windows encased in gorgeous draperies shine light on this comfortable seating area. Built-in cabinets, a marblesurround fireplace and a large screen television add elegance and pleasure to this impressive room. And one more bit of frosting on this gorgeous cake, the room leads to an outdoor living area featuring a fireplace and a view of the splendid pool area below.

The next part of our tour leads us down a beautiful, curved stairway into the lower level of the home. This level is home to three additional bedrooms and another stunning arcade from which to view the swimming pool and patio area. A fully equipped bar welcomes you as you come down the steps and provides plenty of space for additional guests. The room opposite the arcade on this floor is set up for billiards and television viewing. Recessed lighting shines beautifully onto the built-in cabinetry and the animal print upholstery featured throughout the room.

One more stunning entertaining area awaits outside this opulent home. A grand loggia runs the full length of the north wing and overlooks the glittering, classically styled swimming pool.

Be prepared. This luxurious home will take your breath away.



2713 W. 116th St. • Leawood, Kansas

The Faux-Bois planters at the entry of this residence are the first hint that you are entering a home full of enchantment and treasure. Open the doors to a grand, double staircase and be greeted by the sparkles of a Baccarat chandelier. This majestic entry pulls you into the home, which is laid out as if each room were a spoke on a wheel. Select any room on this beautiful wheel and discover the special antique pieces that have been collected by the owners over the years. Throughout the home you will encounter European cabinets, Early Americana, vintage art and fabrics, Asian pottery, and porcelain pieces acquired from around the world. Standing guard over this opulence are figures in Dutch tapestries that date back to the 1700's.

While the entry hall is a combination of deep black, green, and gold, the rooms leading off of the hall are bright and full of light streaming in through floor to ceiling windows. Luxurious floral draperies frame the wall of windows found in the great room, and a stately stone fireplace sets the tone for this room full of treasures. Leading off of the great room is a rounded cherry wood bar with built-in cabinets which are used to exhibit crystal. This area transitions naturally into the family room where we find a comfortable yet sumptuous place to relax at the end of the day. The kitchen lies just past the family room and is decorated with dark wood cabinets and Majolica tile. The butler's pantry leads directly into the formal dining room, where built-in cabinets house a collection of Staffordshire and Imari porcelain.

Continued exploration brings us to the master suite, which is light and airy with white cabinetry and more floor-to-ceiling windows. The framed, vintage toile and the Sevres piece at the entry keep the Old World in our minds as we move onto the master bath. A pair of cut glass obelisks stand sentry over the bathing area that also houses a marble fireplace and a pair of crystal wall sconces. A luxurious bath, indeed.

The rest of our tour takes us to the lower level where we find another family room, with its stone fireplace and buttery soft, leather sofa and side chairs. Providing a back drop to this area are large Mongolian pots and over-sized Chinese wine jars. From here we move into the pool room and the personal gym, which has a spiral staircase leading directly to the master bath. Back to the family room, another rounded bar leads us into the "hunting room," so called for the collection of duck decoys and the display of balsa wood fishing lures that decorate the room.

Before you pull yourself away from the feast of treasures found in this home, take a minute to look at the quiet patio and swimming pool area.

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Designer:

Kathy & Craig, Craig Sole Designs

"From the moment you approach it, you will notice how the exterior of the home is enhanced with incredible clusters of glittered branches and cones. Returning designer Craig Sole of Craig Sole Designs continues using glitz and glamour to complement the interior of this timeless Old World home. Since the homeowner is unafraid of color, he enhances the owner's exquisite European and Oriental antiques throughout the home with lush foliage of the season, giving you an experience that will not be forgotten."

Tablescape Designer:

Jan Rosche, JCYM member

Centerpiece:

Craig Sole Designs

"A classic dining room calls for an elegant tablescape. Mirrored placemats, shimmering votives and ruby fleur-de-lis chargers add ambiance to a formal room filled with antiques."



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Designer:

Jen Attebery, Pottery Barn Kids

"For the loft, I used very traditional Christmas décor with Santas and Reindeers, things that are magical to kids at Christmas.

The children's rooms have a space that provides them an opportunity to have a part in the decorating, and adds a whimsical side to the holidays."

Designer:

Philip H. Hickman

"I am sticking with a natural feel that goes with the house...an eclectic natural look. It's a woodsy, outdoor look"

Tablescape Designer:

Jeremy Upchruch, Z Gallerie

"Z Gallerie is introducing several new tableware collections for fall 2015. In addition to 10 current and chic styles, sharp graphics and geometric shapes dominate this season. Our Helios Collection is a modern take on chevron, while our Origami Collection is purely geometric in nature. With options of silver, gold, porcelain and glass, we layer in natural materials like marble and wood to elevate and show distinction on our tables."



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Enter this home through its eleven foot iron doors and be impressed by the grandeur of this open-plan living space. Glen Lawrence, the name given to this home by its owners, was designed with entertaining in mind. The general style of this ten thousand square foot home can be described as Old World rustic, with contemporary touches throughout. Multi-colored stone pillars, wide plank wood floors, and stone fireplaces root the home in the old world, while glass tile, granite counters, and modern lighting fixtures keep it in the present.

Upon entering the home, we find a free standing, curving staircase that allows us to see straight through to the pastoral setting found behind the home. The formal dining room is to our right and is separated from the kitchen by a sophisticated wine bar. Beyond this bar lies the dramatic living room. The focal point of this room in the winter will be the massive stone fireplace with its rough hewn mantle, but in the summer it will have to compete with a full view of the swimming pool and its waterfalls.

Also in view from the entry are the kitchen and casual dining areas. Cherry wood cabinets are offset by a glass tile backsplash, a granite island, and Ceasarstone countertops. An octagonal, wood vaulted ceiling crowns the informal dining table, and splashes of teal brighten the area. Industrial styled lighting ties it all together. All of the appliances in this chef's kitchen are hidden by beautiful cabinetry, and a second full kitchen is tucked away in a butler's pantry to keep the business end of entertaining hidden away from the guests. Also located on the first floor is the master bedroom, which leads into a one of a kind, spa-like master bath. This spacious retreat is finished in dark wood and travertine. It features a soaking tub and a walk-through shower that doubles as a steam room.

While the second floor of this home is reserved for children's bedrooms, lofted play areas, and secret closets, the basement was designed for fun with the entire family. Stained cement floors, reclaimed wood, and a sliding barn door set the tone for this more relaxed entertainment area. A complete pub-style bar stands behind the seating area, and the back of it opens up onto the ping pong room. Walk outside and find yourself on the dry side of a swim-up bar.

Allow yourself plenty of time to explore this home. Something fun awaits around every corner!

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14346 S. Caenen Lane • Olathe, Kansas

They say you should never judge a book by its cover, and the adage certainly applies to this home. The exterior of the home is pure Victorian, while the interior is a pleasing combination of traditional and modern. Contemporary lighting, dark wood floors, and interesting color choices modernize this home, while hand milled banisters, carved molding, and warm wood and leather furnishings keep it grounded in its Victorian origins.

The "Quiet Room" just off of the foyer is a cheerful mix of warm colors and classical pieces paired with a little whimsical to achieve a feeling of peaceful comfort. Moving across the hall we are immediately struck by the dazzling chandelier that sparkles like a jewel against the dramatic black walls of the dining room. Additional shimmer in this room radiates from the collection of Waterford crystal that the owners have accumulated from their homeland of Ireland over the years.

From the dining room we move into a newly remodeled kitchen and family room area that is awash with light from floor to ceiling windows surrounding the entire room. A vast, quartzite island and granite countertops grace this eat-in kitchen. Crowning the classic white cabinetry are lighted, glass fronted cabinets that are used to exhibit more of the owner's special collection. The warm grays and browns found in the family room complement the stone fireplace and coordinate beautifully with the aqua of the swimming pool that can be seen from all vantage points in this lovely room. And be sure to let your gaze wander up. You don't want to miss the striking chandelier that illuminates this inviting room.

As we move upstairs we are introduced to the family and their history with an interesting display of black and white photographs showing where the family comes from and where they have been. This hall leads to the bedrooms of three lucky girls. Each room has been personalized to each daughter's taste and they include everything from crystal chandeliers and chaise lounges to guitars, monkeys, and elephants. On the opposite side of this level we enter the master suite. It is a combination of elegant white and a soothing azure blue. A glass tiled fireplace and a cushioned window seat make this room the perfect place to relax and contemplate the day ahead or reflect on the day drawing to an end.

The lower level in this home has also been recently remodeled. As we approach the bar, we walk through the couple's "Pub" area that has been adorned with memorabilia from Ireland. We pass by a dance studio and find a fully equipped bar. We can have a seat at the leathered granite bar while playing a game of pool, or we can have a quiet drink while gazing out over the koi pond and wooden bridge that lead to the beautifully manicured lawn. Or, move farther into the room and warm up in front of the fireplace to watch a movie or cheer on the Chiefs! The comfy sectional and furry carpet make it the perfect setting for game days as well as fun family nights.

This is a lovely home in a quiet, unique neighborhood. You don't want to miss it.

Designer:

Nancy Davidson & Laura Curran, **StickSisters**

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Tablescape Designer:

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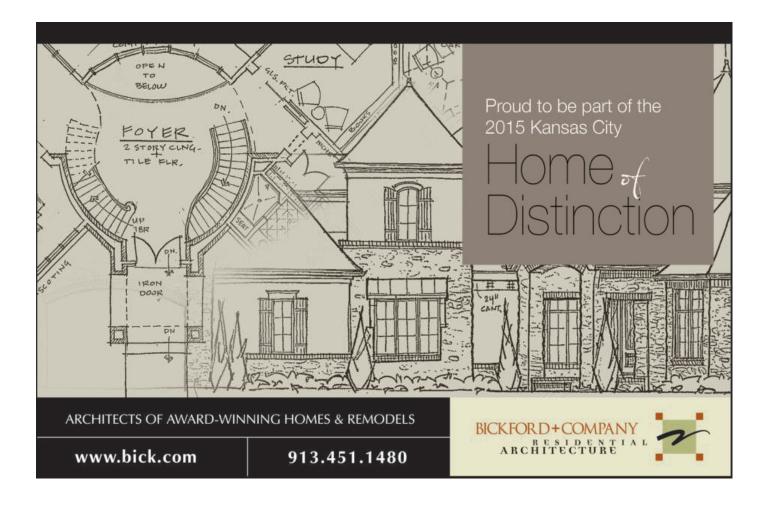
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KCHS: Bathrooms, historically, have not received the same attention to design as other rooms in the home. What has changed?

LYNN: I think the shift in people staying in one home longer or buying an older home and renovating it has a lot to do with why more people are paying attention to bathroom design. They are looking at things from a new perspective, one that asks "how can I make every space in the home a space that feels inviting."

KCHS: How has the industry responded to that need?

LYNN: The makers are answering with a wider range of options to fit every design aesthetic at a wider range of price points. Also, many companies are responding to the desire to customize a look. This is giving the consumer the power to design the perfect bathroom retreat and allocate the budget as they need.

KCHS: What are the hottest trends in bathroom designs right now?

LYNN: Today, buyers are leaning away from heavy overwrought design in favor of cleaner lines and lighter colors. They are choosing fixtures in stainless steel, matte, and high gloss in very contemporary and minimalist designs. Artistic features are also trending, such as the temperature sensitive open spout faucets that light up according to the temperature of the water.

KCHS: Since homeowners are thinking of this space as more of a retreat, how is that influencing their design choices?

LYNN: This really has impacted the choices people are making in design. It is all about comfort. Features such as mirrors with integrated televisions are popular for making it a relaxing space, as are large faced shower heads. They are also replacing corner tubs with the much more comfortable and space and water saving freestanding tubs.

KCHS: If you were doing a complete bathroom remodel in your own home today, what would you include?

LYNN: I would definitely reconfigure it for additional space. I would also install a freestanding tub, a wall mounted faucet, and definitely get a wall mounted electric mirror!

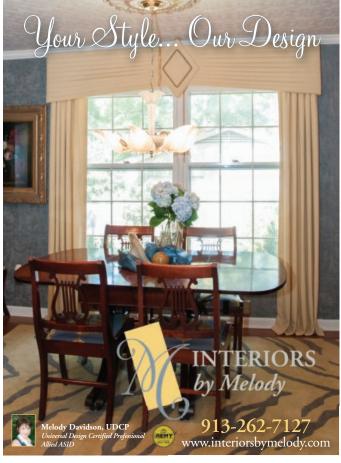
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In most homes, the master bathroom typically encompasses less square footage than other parts of the house and, unlike the main living areas, is a space that few people outside of the occupants utilize. While some may argue that "just a sink, toilet and shower are all I need," some homeowners prefer to create an inviting and relaxing space that flows seamlessly with the rest of the house, yet offers a relaxing retreat for rest and rejuvenation. It is the place we come to pamper ourselves and shed the issues and vicissitudes of the day. Aside from the fact that the right bathroom can potentially increase the overall value of your home, the right design can enhance the experience of securing your own luxurious and comforting slice of Heaven on Earth, a piece of real estate to which no price tag can compare.



Homeowner Desmond "Des" Poirier is counting his blessings, as his ship has truly come in...in the form of a newly redesigned master bathroom that sports unique nautical influences. This head-turning oasis is certainly making waves and is notably "see-worthy!"

A Kansas City native, Des wears many professional hats including those of musician, artist, and instructor within the Continuing Education Department at the Kansas City Art Institute. He's a busy guy and when he comes home, he now has a place to relax and unwind, far away from the rest of the world. A fan of the industrial nautical influences associated with two of his favorite cities — Seattle and San Francisco — Des wanted to apply that type of design element into his bathroom, creating a themed master bathroom based on the look of a 15th century sailing ship.

After collaborating with Terry Skilling and the team of experts at Rhino Builders, Des' dream bathroom in this turn-of-the-century, two-story brick home overlooking downtown is ready to set sail, and all he has to do is simply come home at the end of a long

day to experience the feeling of being out on the high seas.

"I am an active person and I enjoy spending time in my new bathroom, not only because it is comfortable, but also because I love the new steam shower with the fold down teak bench. When my muscles ache, this is the place to be," he smiled.

With the help of Elizabeth Rishel of Orion Design, the mood, feel and ambiance of an old sailing ship took shape with her artful design blend of old timbers, antique iron and original brick with modern tile, blue glass and quartz. LED shelf lighting, a large window view and pieces of Des' own nautical collection add to the overall appeal.

However, intense work was required to achieve this look.

"Layers of old wall plaster, tile and floor finish were removed, leaving just the original brick wall and existing plumbing and electrical element," noted Skilling. "The most difficult part was getting the new mechanicals and plumbing in the right places. The floor also had to be reframed."

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Project Designer: Rhino Builders

Resources:

Interior Design: Orion Design | Shower Door: Westport Glass Cabinetry: Cabinet Designs LLC | Granite: Canaan Stone Works Plumbing Fixtures: Ferguson Enterprises | Tilework: Eddie Cummings Tile Tile: Sunderland Brothers | Plumbing: Diamond Plumbing LLC Electrical Work: Vanover Systems LLC

In order to secure the optimum view while bathing, the 150gallon tub and steam shower were framed in specific spots to achieve that goal. A reclaimed antique porch floor was used to comprise the ceiling; the brick was cleaned, repaired and finished with some tuck pointing to give it that charming "old" effect; and a maple door outfitted with a port hole and set with antique hardware – a surprising warehouse find – adds the perfect touch to the space. Custom wood trim was designed to partner with the existing trim and was installed around the windows, door and floor base.

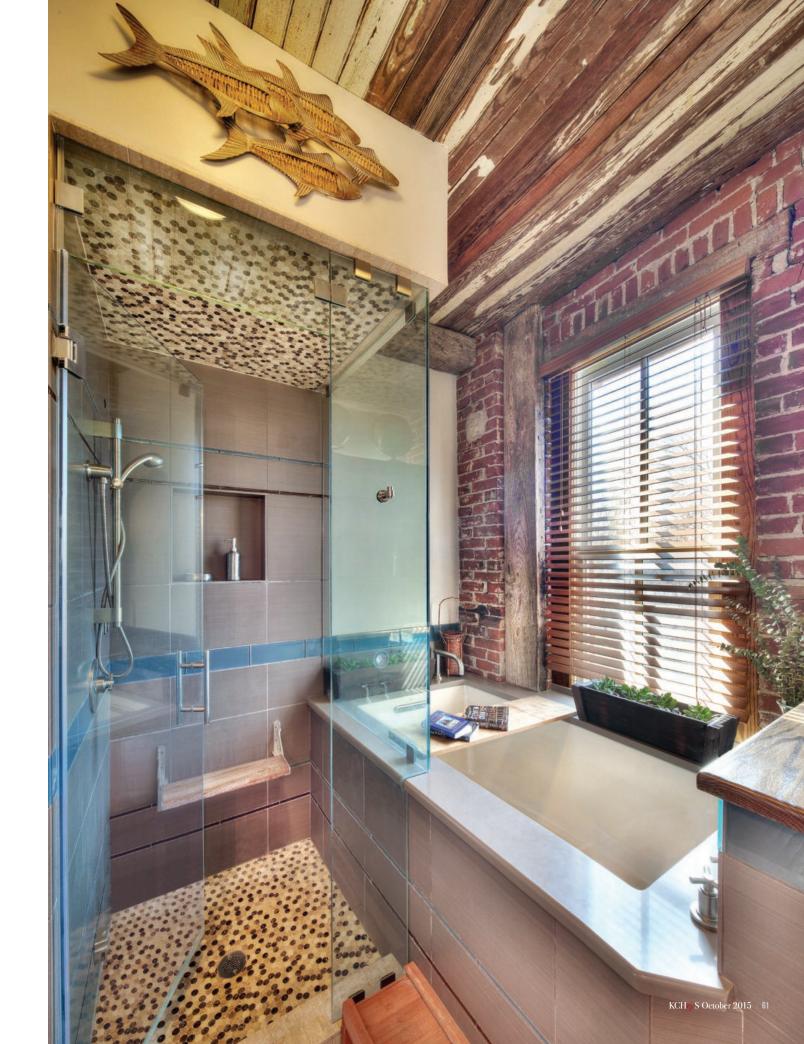
It is truly the details in this design that bring the theme to life, and several items used to complete the effect were salvaged from old buildings, barns and warehouses.

"The leg from the vanity came from an architectural salvage store downtown," noted Skilling. "It used to be an old oak bracket from which movie theater ropes hung."

The shelf brackets held up old industrial plumbing pipes, and the vanity top is made from salvaged white oak. The brushed chrome sink partners perfectly with the custom made cabinets created by Brian Dirks, Owner at Cabinet Designs, LLC.

The custom-made glass doors by Westport Glass help set the tone for the warm appeal of the shower, with its combination of porcelain tiles and morocco blend large penny mosaics. The Happy Floors chocolate tiles in the shower are accented by blue glazzio eclipse glass tiles and the floors within are of the same chocolate tile, which was also placed on the tub deck and accented with little blue and brown glass pencil lines. A lighter color 10x10 porcelain tile from Sunderland Brothers comprises the main floor.

"When you begin demolition on a home like this, you never know what you might find underneath it all, but we were able to keep Elizabeth's design within the existing space," said Skilling.





Project Designer: Schloegel Design Remodel

Resources:

Countertops: Trendstone Fabricators Cambria quartz "torquey" | Plumbing Fixtures: Ferguson Enterprises
Porcelain plank tile, shower pebble floor tile & accent linear glass mosaic: CST Tile
Brushed nickel decorative mirrors: Art & Frame Warehouse | Cabinetry: Shiloh prefinished factory cabinetry

Located near 119th and Switzer in Overland Park, Kansas, this residence, built in the 1990s, was in desperate need of a master bathroom overhaul, and the experts at Schloegel Design Remodel knew precisely what to do to breath new life into this former bachelor pad that has easily transitioned to a place perfect for a young married couple with a new baby.

"We did not see a reason to change the footprint of the space, but we did make the shower a priority," stressed designer Megan Bringman, AKBD. "The shower used to be where the tub is now and the former tub was sunken with a three-sided mirror in the back and a carpeted step in front. It was definitely a bit outdated."

Bringman explained that the original shower was confined to such a tight space and had sliding doors that did not invite a feeling of comfort and relaxation.

"Our primary focus on this bathroom was on the new shower, with its European style glass and sky light above, which was from the original design," said Bringman.

The European frameless 3/8" thick glass on the shower offers a sleek look that blends harmoniously with the flat pebble shower floor. The shower has been outfitted to include a rain head spray for the main control and a secondary showerhead that can be diverted and handheld, perfect for use while seated at the bench in the shower.

His and Hers master closets flank each side of the shower and two separate vanities adorn either side of the bathroom and are mirror images of each other standing at opposite ends of the bathroom. The white Cambria quartz countertops have a marble looking movement to them. Polished sleek chrome fixtures and decorative sconces lend themselves to the guiet sophistication of the space without overwhelming it, and frames around the mirrors add a welcoming touch.

The open design of the vanity from Shiloh Company adds a feeling of both warmth and elegance.

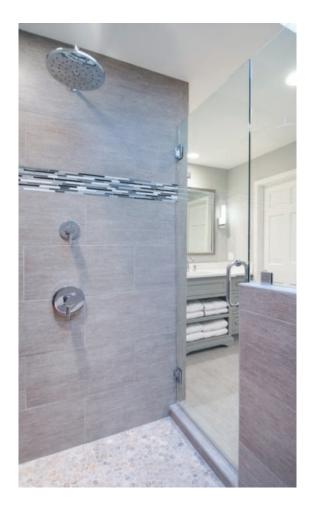
"The open sink base was brought forward for dimension, and there is additional storage on each side of the vanity," noted Bringman. "The inset style of the flushed drawers and space frame are a unique method of construction."

The overall warm grey and white colors within the bathroom complement the 12x24 tile on both the bathroom floor and within the shower. Hints of taupe within the tile add a subtle hint of dimension.

A simple top mounted deep soaker tub has taken the place of the former Jacuzzi tub, complete with a tiled front to match the shower and a soap and shampoo storage space to the rear.

"It was fun seeing this space go from its former builder-grade look to reflect the homeowners' style," said Bringman.

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Total Revive Photos courtesy of Total Home Remodeling

The sleek sliding barn door that hangs on rollers in front of the master bathroom of this Olathe home just begs you to push it to the side and discover the beauty and excitement of the space within. However, it took more than just a few tile samples and some wall accents to make this master bathroom the masterpiece it has ultimately become. Created with both function and detail in mind, it's no wonder the design team at Total Home Remodeling won the "Best in Show" REMY award last year for this space.

"We came up with and tweaked over 15 different floor plans for this bathroom before finally settling on this one," noted designer Vanessa Brouillette. "It was a huge bathroom with a lot of wasted space in the middle. The client loved the natural light that came in from the arched window and hated to lose it, which became a challenge when dividing up the space. When we began this project, we basically ripped out everything including the two closets, which now stand on either side of the vanity and are accessed by opaque glass pocket doors."

The closet is a U-shaped design and comes together behind the vanity area. A partial wall was built behind the vanity and the ceiling was raised within the closet behind it, allowing additional light to come through from the window and lighting in the closet space into the bathroom area.

The dark wood custom-made cabinets by lead carpenter Matt Preston provide aesthetic balance to the vessel sinks above that rest upon the grey Corian countertops. Tiny 1" x 1 1/2" glass subway tiles artfully decorate the white backsplash behind the sinks.

"We never want to see a good storage opportunity missed, so we made the mirrors into medicine cabinets for extra storage," said Brouillette.

The 12" x 24" charcoal grey tile flooring adds a warm touch to the space, while also providing a unique twist in front of the vanity.

"We used the extra tile from the wall and created a design on the floor to look like a rug," stated Brouillette.

An expansive shower has replaced the formerly tiny shower and is definitely one that undoubtedly sees a lot of use. It enjoys light grey tile with charcoal undertones and subway tile, as used by the vanity, decorates the curved portion of the shower wall.

The shower floor was created from pebble rock that was sheared off to become a smooth surface, and three shower sprays — rain, handheld and fixed — beckon total relaxation while exuding style and sophistication.

As with any Total Home Remodeling project, consistent and thorough communication with the client throughout the entire project is key to its ultimate success, as evidenced by the client's sentiments.

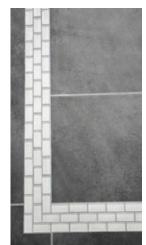
"Total Home effectively and efficiently communicated with me throughout the project," she said. "It was great to see the cohesive working relationship of all the team members. The bathroom looks just like one out of House Beautiful!"

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Divine Retreat Photos by Bill Mathews

For one Cedar Creek homeowner, finding that little slice of Heaven on Earth doesn't require much travel time. She can easily transition from the glorious master bedroom to this luxurious master bathroom in seconds and slip into a relaxing oasis for the mind, body and spirit.

"The homeowner wanted a spa-like feeling to her bathroom, similar to the ones in the elegant hotels in which she has stayed during her business travels," noted Becky Mosby, Allied ASID, interior designer in the Design Gallery at Nebraska Furniture Mart.

Combining the magic of design with the lifestyle desires of the homeowner, the results are breathtaking. Chandeliers above the makeup counter and the tub allow this busy homeowner to prepare for the day like a princess and retire for the evening feeling like a queen. The pale aqua and cream damask wall paper with its floral design behind the double-Jacuzzi tub with its original columns complements the pale aqua paint on the walls.

"The client fell in love with the wallpaper, which is from F. Schumacher & Co.," said Mosby.

The marble mosaic flooring, along with the larger porcelain tile around the tub and throughout the expansive walk-in shower, add a layer of simple sophistication to the space.

The custom gray accent tiles with hints of sparkle bring a bit of pop to the ensemble as they dance along the shower wall and





around the tub. Carrera white marble tile surrounds the shower and its accompanying flooring, partnered with a dogbone mosaic floor throughout the bathroom, accented with black dots.

"The hand-knotted Oriental rug matches the chair and vanity, which in turn match the cocktail ottoman in the adjoining master bedroom," referenced Mosby.

Sans a door, the expansive walk-in shower spells luxury with multiple showerheads and soothing wall sprays. The heated towel bar stands at the ready to deliver that perfect post-shower comforting touch.

The arctic white granite countertops easily balance the tan colored cabinetry that has been stained and glazed to offer a dark wood facade. A large storage tower, perfect for keeping extra towels and essentials, separates the two sinks that are outfitted with elegant brushed nickel fixtures.

Across the sink area, and contiguous to the walk-in closet, is the vanity area, enrobed in a soft cream color, bringing more tranquility to the space.

"I enjoyed providing the design ideas for this project and give all the credit for its implementation to the experts at Heartland Kitchen and Bath," noted Mosby.

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bathtubs have become the heart of these stylish sanctuaries once known as the standard bathroom. "Being bathed in a luxurious and relaxing spa-like atmosphere is the trend we're seeing," says Ellyn Gonnerman of Neenan Company. "Unique freestanding tubs are the hottest bathroom accessory that everyone wants."

KCH&S talked to area bath showrooms to explore these trending fanciful basins and the rooms they create. "Freestanding tubs are much more comfortable to soak in and give so much more space and appeal to the room," notes Mellody Jurgeson of Grandview Winnelson. Rarely does she even quote drop-in tubs, as 80% of their current tub sales are freestanding. When asked about what's one of her favorite things about these new styles, Jurgeson is quick to point out that her "favorite material is man-made stone. It's very heavy relaxing in the tub.

These sleek and sassy soakers easily drive the style of the bathroom, offering styles, sizes and shapes that fit your home's personality. "I always recommend my clients try on a tub for size, like a pair of shoes," quips Kitchens & Baths by Briggs showroom manager, Lynn Middleton. "They may look beautiful, but not be a great fit and as being such a huge part of the room, they are not easily switched out."

Are these fantasy-factor rooms just a fad? No, according to Gonnerman. "The tub is growing more popular, desirable and attainable and manufacturers keep rolling out new styles, materials, hydrotherapies and accessories to match any dream of a client. Who wouldn't want a glass of red wine, lit by a glowing chandelier and a book all on your freestanding tub! Fantasy turned reality!"

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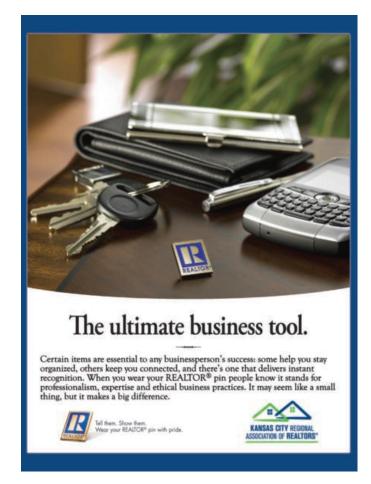
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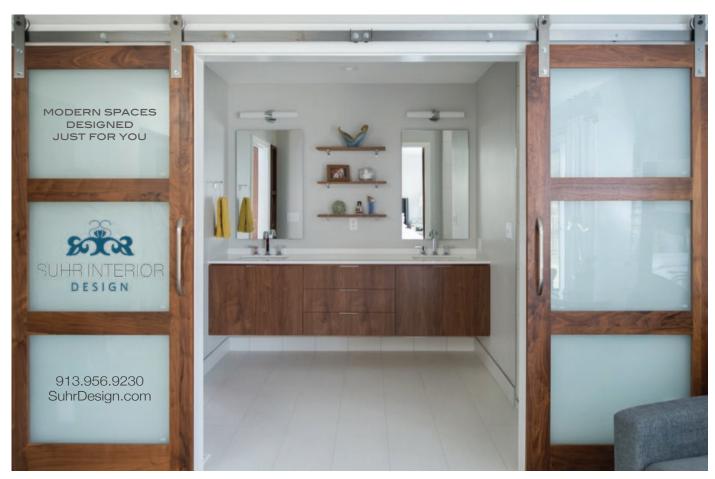
"I enjoy working with Lynne. She has giving me a sense of hope for the future and makes me feel no matter what difficulties I might be facing at the time, there is light at the end of the tunnel." ~ Terry B.

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Man of Nobility

Dick Wilson

Dick Wilson has one of the most well-known voices in Kansas City. For 40 years he has not only used his voice to bring joy to others through broadcasting, but also lent the power of his voice to many local causes.

~ Zoe Herrington

ick Wilson began his career quite by accident when he went into a local radio station, KCMO-AM, and said he was there from The University of Central Missouri for an internship. The receptionist misunderstood him and thought he said he was sent from a US Senator's office for an internship, and nearly immediately he found himself in front of the top executive. The mistake was soon realized, but the door was opened.

"I started in the mailroom, back when they had them," he joked. "But I kept at it and took every opportunity they afforded me."

From that moment on, he has never left the industry and in turn, the industry has provided a journey more rewarding than he could have ever imagined.

His voice has been the congenial presence on air at KCMO-FM for 27 years, and along with co-host Renee, the friend behind the microphone that millions sip their morning coffee with.

His career has been filled with highlights. Among the most cherished memories are the times spent with Dick Clark. In late 1988, Wilson got a call from Dick Clark Productions. Executives had heard of his all night live TV show on KSHB and wanted him to host a late night television show. For six month he flew to LA on the weekends and hosted Camp Midnite, a Friday night show coast to coast for the USA Network.

"I hosted a crazy talk show with eight celebrity guests, skits, and a one man band," explained Wilson of His time with Dick Clark Productions. Throughout the show, Wilson and Clark became friends, with Clark even having Wilson and the show crew over to his Malibu home for dinner on several occasions, and continued the friendship after the show's end.

Wilson feels fortunate, he says, to have a career that he loves and the support of his family, his wife Patti, and children: Daughter Nicole and her husband Craig, and their two children Brett and Brenna; middle daughter Miranda, an actress living in New York, and a son, Spencer also in New York pursuing a career in acting.

As someone who has had the rare and wonderful opportunity to do what he loves, he encourages others to follow their dreams.

"Keep moving toward your goal no matter how small the steps. Don't slow down because time moves quickly. Go where the action is if you can. If you can't, then show people that you can help make the action."

oman of Nobility

Meg Bell

Meg Bell is the current National Vice President of the American Business Women Association and an outstanding example of the heart and soul of what makes the Kansas City area such a wonderfully supportive community

~ Zoe Herrington

fter a few moments of speaking with the soft spoken Meg Bell and you become aware of Lather there is much below the quiet and slightly shy exterior. Soon, the shyness fades away to reveal a dynamo advocate for all women seeking personal and professional development.

The seed of her passion for advocacy was planted early in her life; when her parents divorced and her mom went on to raise the family alone.

"In the early 1960s it was pretty unheard of to be a single mom. Looking back, I can see that she did really well alone," Meg reflected.

That early example did a lot to shape her understanding of the struggles women face to reach success, and the need for women to support one another.

After Meg graduated from high school, her mom decided to go back to college and the pair ended up going to school together.

"One of the biggest reasons she was able to go back to school was because of a scholarship awarded to her by the American Business Women's Association. That was my first introduction to the ABWA."

Seeing the value of the combined advocacy the group provides, Meg also joined the ABWA. For a long time she sat quietly in the back of the meetings taking things in, she explained.

"As time went on, I worked myself up to participating in more ways, volunteering for positions that required an increasing level of involvement and leadership."

Being outgoing is not something that comes naturally to her, but something she enjoys if it can benefit others. Currently, Meg serves as National Vice President of the ABWA and is running for National President of the professional development of the organization.

She has been in the organization for 3o years, and has found it an invaluable support in her own professional pursuits, which include being an IT Project Manager at Sprint for nearly 28 years.

"So much has changed in my field over the years. There is always something new and challenging. It is enjoyable work."

Along the way, her husband Thad and daughter Shannon have provided plenty of inspiration.

"Thad is much more outgoing than I, and realizes that over the years I have lacked confidence. He pulls it out of me or reminds me that I should never be afraid to try. Also, having a child motivates me to be an example. I want her to know that she can shape her future and do anything she wants," Meg said thoughtfully.

"It is important that all women know that their dreams are possible and that there are people out there willing to help and offer support in your journey. You just need to step out and challenge yourself."

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ROBERT BLEHERT

Impressionist painter Robert Blehert has done work for major league teams all around the country in recent years. The Kansas City Royals used the artist's work for 2 separate poster giveaways last summer, and the original painting for one of these will be included in the show. There will also be paintings of classic and well known sports celebrities of Kansas City fame, and as a special addition to the show, Blehert will be painting some jazz musicians well known in KC, Charlie Parker and Count Basie as examples.

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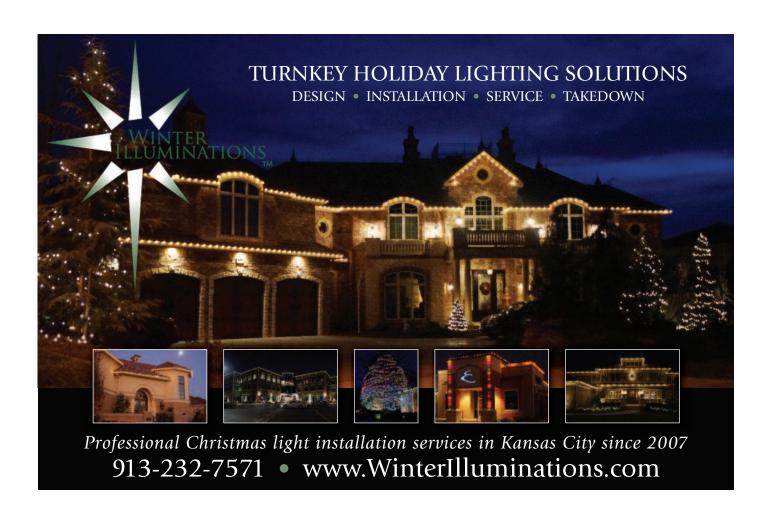
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For most of us, thoughts of the Country Club Plaza quickly come to mind when thinking of holiday lights. Back in 1925, there were just 16 lights over a doorway to mark the season, with the first official lighting ceremony taking place five years later. Fast forward to 2015, and the Plaza continues to be one of the city's crown jewels of holiday lighting displays. As buildings were added to the shopping district, so were additional lights. Eventually all of the buildings and towers were outlined with lights. What initially took

just one man and a trusty ladder to accomplish now requires a fully orchestrated team.

Then we have the magic of Zona Rosa, the shopping and entertainment district near KCl Airport. This area supports a newer holiday tradition by suspending large lighted crowns over the street ways. However, those crowns come with a rich history, as they were a legendary fixture of downtown KC for nearly three decades until they fell from the limelight nearly 25 years ago. The family-owned company that initially designed those crowns has since constructed new crowns based on the original blueprints that weigh 2,000 pounds and are 17-feet wide. These eye-catching crowns join forces with a 14-foot wreath and a 50-foot Christmas tree for the Northern Lights of Zona Rosa.



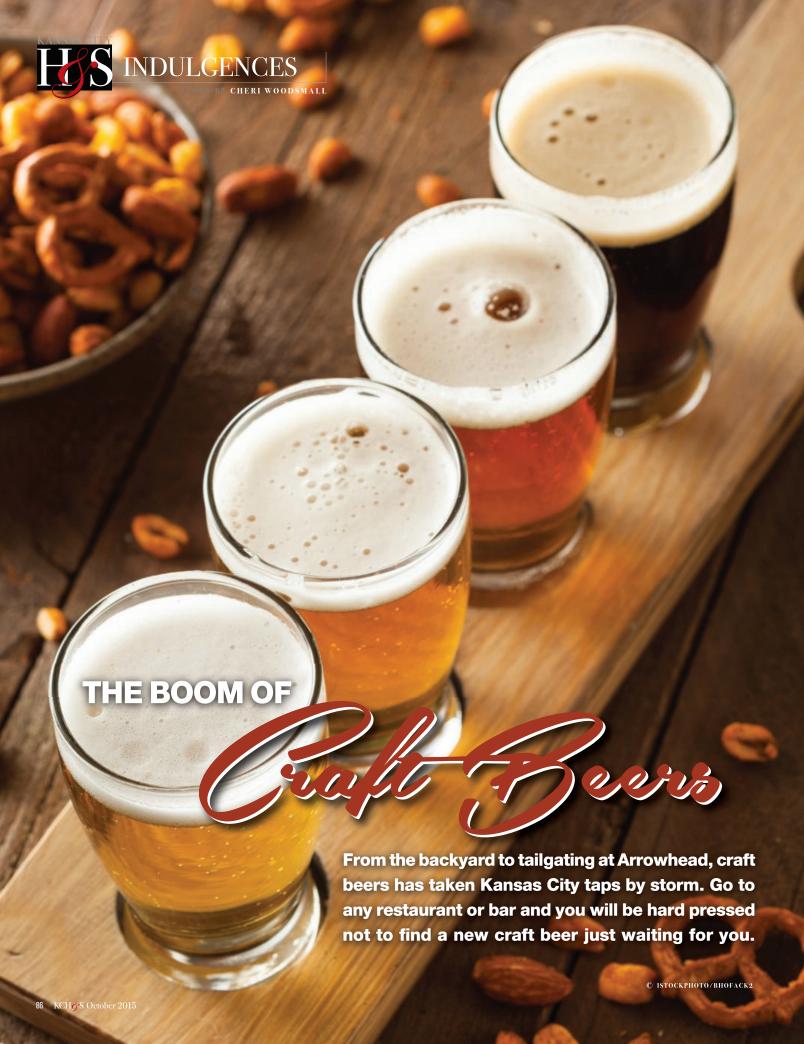
And it just wouldn't be Christmas without the Mayor's Christmas Tree. A century-old tradition, this is an integral fixture at Crown Center and Hallmark Cards. Outfitted with more than 7,200 white lights during the winter holidays, it stands proud at 100 feet tall, beating out in stature the trifecta of other famous Christmas trees in the United States: the National Christmas Tree, the Rockefeller Christmas Tree and the White House Christmas Tree.

With all of these (and so many more!) local holiday lighting attractions, it just might inspire you to become a part of the tradition, so why not consider lighting up your own home with some of the best in holiday lighting this year?

Holiday lighting truly brings unique flavor to a home, and the experts at Winter Illuminations can help you ring in the season with

just the right touch. Current trends in the holiday lighting arena still give a nod to the traditional use of white lights, for their seamless and sophisticated appeal, but pops of color are making their presence known. Winter Illuminations will work with each customer to coordinate that perfect look that effortlessly blends with the façade of the home.

"A combination of alternating red, white and green lights looks great on a monotone-colored house," noted owner Roxxy Schnellbacher. "Whereas alternating white and green lights really accent a dark brick home with white trim. The end result is classy and elegant. Our homes are a source of joy, especially during the holiday season," she smiled. "It's exciting to come home to a place that is lit up in celebration of the season."



It all started at home

The history of craft beer is quite fascinating! Native Americans made a corn beer long before Europeans found their way to America, bringing with them their own version of beer. Although most of that was brewed in the home during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries a fledgling industry began to develop from 1612, when the first known New World brewery opened in New Amsterdam (now Manhattan).

By the end of the century more breweries operated in the United States than any country in the world, the number climbing past 1,500 in 2009. Taking inspiration from brewing cultures around the world, Americans also brew a wider variety of flavors than most.

Last year, 3,418 craft breweries were operating in the U.S. Compare that to just 44 breweries in 1980 and 537 in 1991, that is significant growth. By the end of the year, experts say, a new craft brewery will open in the U.S. every 12 hours.

Tot just for dudes

Breaking news! Women like beer too! From the rise of female brew masters to the growth of women's tasting groups, women are becoming much more than a tiny little flight glass in the brewing world. It used to be at beer festivals, you would see only a handful of women walking around. It's now definitely venturing forward with many ladies imbibing too.

Women entrepreneurs are starting more craft breweries now more than ever and the men, who mostly dominate the packaging and distributing side, are taking notice.

Sure, craft beer is great for drinking, but until you've tried some of these fun recipes made with craft beer, you don't know what you're missing! (Recipes found on Pinterest and tried in the Kansas City Home & Style kitchen — we approve!)

- Spicy Beer Shrimp: The lightness of the lager and cream ale were the best — they gave you a little bit of flavor and did not attribute the hoppiness that threw in a weird, but delightful new flavor.
- Crockpot Beer Pulled Pork: Using beer in place of chicken stock was a winner! Perfect for a Sunday game!
- IPA Cupcakes: These delicious little beasts were made with an IPA with citrus hops. For the icing — experiment! Make 2 different kinds; one with grapefruit juice and grapefruit zest, one with blood orange juice and blood orange zest in it. See which one your guests like more!

There are so many different things to learn about craft beer. So while you are sitting around the table at your favorite KC brewery this weekend, here are a few fun craft beer terms to add some flavor to the conversation.

- Firken: A smallish, keg like container that brewers use to allow them to experiment with different, sometimes odd, flavors. There are other differences from traditional brewing, too. Firkin beer (the name is a reference to an English unit of measurement that equals 10.8 gallons), or cask ale, goes through a "second fermentation" that produces a lighter carbonation than unfirkined beer, which gets an infusion of CO2. Less carbon dioxide means more flavor, less bitterness, and an overall smoother mouthfeel. When the beer is ready, brewers hammer a tap into the cask with a mallet — and the beer starts flowing.
- Fun Fact: Firkin beer isn't pasteurized and only lasts a day or two after being exposed to oxygen, so call your friends and drink it quickly! And how can you NOT make this word fun?!
- Session Beer: Typically a low-alcohol beer that's flavorful enough to hold your interest for several pints during a drinking session. Originally referring to the British pub styles like mild and bitter, session beers have come to mean anything under about 5% alcohol.

Cool events

Here are a few dates not to be missed in the KC Craft Beer world.

- October 10th Botanical Brewfest, 4pm at Overland Park Arboretum
- October 17th KC Brew Fest, two sessions, Noon-3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. at Union Station
- October 17th Brew at the Zoo 2015, 6 pm at the Kansas City Zoo
- Every Tuesday in 2015 at 6 p.m. 2 RARE 2SDAYS at the Martin City Brewing Company. They will tap 2 rare craft beers for your tasting pleasure every Tuesday.
- Every Saturday in 2015 at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Weston Brewing Company Brewery Tour. There is nothing better than walking the historic streets of Weston in the fall. Not a huge beer fan? Weston is well known for its wineries and distilleries as well. Something for everyone!

Whether you prefer drinking a pint or bringing out your inner "foodie", there are many choices to enjoy sampling and exploring the myriad KC craft beer offerings this fall! Cheers!



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